



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

August 15, 2006

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COUNTY AND COMPETITIVE
EXCESS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS
(SECOND DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Allocate Second Supervisorial District County and Competitive Excess Funds in the total amount of \$2,571,183 as identified in the Attachment.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants as identified in the Attachment when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$2,571,183 in County and Competitive Excess Funds for various trails projects in the Second Supervisorial District as identified in the Attachment.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the grantees identified in the Attachment, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance trails and bike paths in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$2,571,183 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from Excess Funds available for County and competitive projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance recreational opportunities on trails and bike paths in the Second Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

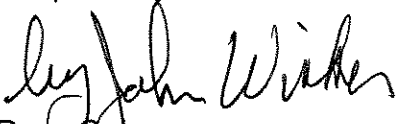
All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is the lead agency for the Ballona Creek Trail Project; the City of Compton is the lead agency for the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Bike Trail Connection; and the County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Baldwin Hills Eastern Gateway and Trail Project, the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) Trails Project, the KHSRA Enhancement Project, and the Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvement Project. As such, these agencies will prepare appropriate environmental documents for the above projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

PROPOSED SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path, Phase II	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	\$272,000
Scope: Improvements to three existing entrances to the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path consisting of upgraded fencing and gates, native plant landscaping and irrigation, educational/interpretive displays and user amenities including seating and drinking fountains.		
Baldwin Hills Eastern Gateway and Trail Project	North East Trees and County Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR)	\$500,000
Scope: Streetscape and entryway improvements at La Brea Ave. and Don Lorenzo Dr. including grading, new native plant planting and irrigation from La Brea Ave. to the Baldwin Hills eastern ridgeline.		
Kenneth Hahn SRA Trails Improvement Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps and DPR	\$379,183
Scope: Improvements in Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area including trail consolidation, trail enhancement, interpretive elements and directional signage, and habitat and landscape restoration.		
Compton Creek Reg. Garden Park Bike Trail Connection	Friends of Compton Creek and City of Compton	\$500,000
Scope: Enhancements to the bike trail crossing at Greenleaf Blvd., improvements to 130 meters of existing trail and construction of approximately 1,425 meters of bike trail along Compton Creek to connect the Compton Bike Trail to the Los Angeles County South Compton Creek Bike Trail.		
Kenneth Hahn SRA Enhancement Project	DPR	\$420,000
Scope: Addition of six rest stops and pet waste stations along ten miles of trails throughout the park, installation of an 8-station exercise par course around the interior walking path at Janice's Green Valley, and development of a 2,600 linear foot exercise trail with five fitness stations adjacent to the soccer fields.		
Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvement Project	DPR	\$500,000
Scope: Removal and replacement of asphalt pavement for a ½ mile walking trail, replacement of security lighting, installation of a 4-station physical exercise course, removal and replacement of benches, and installation and replacement of park signage.		
Total:		\$2,571,183